

**IN LOCKDOWN  
ON LOCKDOWN  
UNDER LOCKDOWN**



## Stir-crazy and climbing the walls (Life during lockdown)



- As COVID-19 continues to force so much of the world's population into **lockdown** (= a situation in which you are ordered to stay at home), I thought it might be interesting to look at the language that we use to describe what we are now doing with our days.
- **Holed up** (= inside, in a safe place) for a long period, many people are finding new ways to **while away** the time (=spend the time). Some are learning a new language while others have **taken up** (= started) a new hobby. In some families, parents and children are now **working out** (=exercising) together in their living rooms.
- Keen cooks are **digging out** (=finding) cookbooks that they haven't used for years and **trying out** (=testing) recipes that they've never done. Of course, this assumes that they can find all the ingredients in their local supermarkets. At the start of the lockdown, there were **shortages** (=not enough) of particular products caused by people **stockpiling** them (=buying large supplies for future use).
  - Of course, the internet is providing a lot of people with **occupation** (=regular activity). Unable to meet people from different households, many are using it to **get or stay in touch** with friends and family. Some are enjoying **virtual get-togethers** online. For some people, this means **getting to grips with** (=trying to learn) technology that they have never used before.



## How and When to Self-Isolate



- In some parts of the world, it's been reported that during the lockdown, people are **fostering** (=taking care of) rescue animals for the company and comfort that they provide. Many **rescue centres (UK)**/ **rescue centers (US)** are particularly busy at the moment, so this is quite helpful.
- Not everyone **has more time on their hands** (=has more free time). In fact, some people have a lot less. With so many schools shut down, parents who are **working from home** are also having to **homeschool** (=teach at home) their children. When the children have finished their online assignments, parents are looking for new ways to **occupy** them (=keep them busy), while meeting their own work deadlines.
- Of course, not everyone is enjoying spending so much time at home. Some have nothing – or a lot less than usual – to do. We might describe them as being **at a loose end**. Others are very bored and annoyed because they can't go out and do what they usually do. Someone who feels like this may be said informally to **be climbing the walls**, or they may be described as **stir-crazy**.
  - I hope you found these words and phrases interesting and that you are not climbing the walls at home!

## #1 Are these statements true or false? Correct the false sentences.



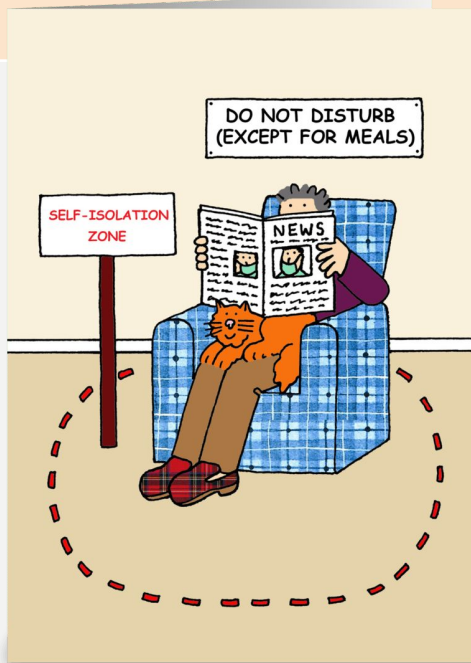
- 1) Holed up for a long period, many people are finding new ways to while away the time.
- 2) In some families, parents and children are now working out together in their living rooms.
- 3) At the start of the lockdown, there were shortages of particular products caused by people shoplifting from supermarkets.
- 4) Unable to meet people from different households, many are sending letters by post to get or stay in touch with friends and family.
- 5) In some parts of the world, it's been reported that during the lockdown, people are fostering rescue animals for the money.
- 6) With so many schools shut down, parents are also having to place their children in boarding schools.
- 7) When the children have finished their online assignments, parents are looking for new ways to occupy them.
- 8) Some people are very bored and annoyed because they can't go out and do what they usually do.
- 9) Someone who enjoys being on lockdown may be described as stir-crazy.

## #2 Match the phrases and their definitions.



• <u>1) lockdown</u>	a) to start doing a particular job or activity
• <u>2) be holed up</u>	b) to spend time in a relaxed way because you have nothing to do or you are waiting for something else to happen
• <u>3) to while away</u>	c) to find something that you have not seen or used for a long time
• <u>4) to take up</u>	d) to exercise in order to improve the strength or appearance of your body
• <u>5) to work out</u>	e) a situation in which people are not allowed to enter or leave a building or area freely because of an emergency
• <u>6) to dig out</u>	f) to test smth in order to find out how useful or effective it is or what it is like
• <u>7) to try out</u>	g) hiding or staying in a safe place, usually so that other people cannot find or disturb you

• <u>1) shortages</u>	a) a regular activity or hobby
• <u>2) to stockpile</u>	b) to communicate or continue to communicate with someone by using a phone or writing to them
• <u>3) occupation</u>	c) to store a large supply of something for future use
• <u>4) to get or stay in touch</u>	d) to make an effort to understand and deal with a problem or situation
• <u>5) virtual get-togethers</u>	e) a state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts
• <u>6) to get to grips with</u>	f) an informal meeting or social occasion, often arranged for a particular purpose





<u>1) to foster</u>	a) doing paid work at home and not in a company's office or factory
<u>2) to have more time on one's hands</u>	b) to keep someone busy or interested
<u>3) to work from home</u>	c) to teach a child at home rather than sending him or her to school
<u>4) to homeschool</u>	d) to take care of a child, usually for a limited time, without being the child's legal parent
<u>5) to occupy</u>	e) to have nothing to do
<u>6) at a loose end</u>	f) upset or angry because you have been prevented from going somewhere or doing something for a long time
<u>7) to climb the walls</u>	g) to suffer unpleasant feelings, such as worry, in an extreme way
<u>8) stir-crazy</u>	h) to have a period when you have nothing you must do

• #3 Match the two parts of the collocations.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • 1) to stay                        | a) cookbooks                      |
| • <u>2) to be holed up</u>          | b) technology                     |
| • <u>3) to while away</u>           | c) on their hands                 |
| • <u>4) to work out</u>             | d) recipes                        |
| • <u>5) to take up</u>              | e) for a long time                |
| • <u>6) to dig out</u>              | f) for future use                 |
| • <u>7) to try out</u>              | g) together in their living rooms |
| 8) to buy large supplies            | h) a new hobby                    |
| • <u>9) to get or stay in touch</u> | i) the time                       |
| • <u>10) to get to grips with</u>   | j) at home                        |
| • <u>11) to have more time</u>      | k) with friends and family        |



• <u>1) to work</u>	a) a loose end
• <u>2) to homeschool</u>	b) the walls
• 3) to meet	c) from home
• <u>4) to be at</u>	d) work deadlines
• <u>5) to climb</u>	e) online
• 6) enjoy <u>virtual get-togethers</u>	f) children



• **#4 Fill in the gaps with the appropriate prepositions.**

- 1) to stay ..... home
- 2) to be holed .....
- 3) to while ..... the time (=spend the time)
- 4) to take ..... a new hobby
- 5) to work ..... together in the living rooms
- 6) to dig ..... cookbooks
- 7) to try ..... (=testing) recipes
- 8) to buy large supplies ..... future use
- 9) to get or stay ..... touch ..... friends and family
- 10) to get ..... grips ..... technology
- 11) to have more time ..... one's hands
- 12) to work ..... home
- 13) to be ..... a loose end



## #5 Complete the gaps in the text using the words and expressions from the box.

*digging out*    *at a loose end*    *taken up*    *stay in touch*    *holed up*    *providing*    *occupy*  
*working out*    *get-togethers*    *homeschool*    *lockdown*    *fostering*    *trying out*  
*climbing up the walls*    *getting to grips*    *working from home*

- As COVID-19 continues to force so much of the world's population into 1) ....., I thought it might be interesting to look at the language that we use to describe what we are now doing with our days.
- 2) ..... for a long period, many people are finding new ways to while away the time. Some are learning a new language while others have 3) ..... a new hobby. In some families, parents and children are now 4)..... together in their living rooms.
- Keen cooks are 5) ..... cookbooks that they haven't used for years and 6) ..... recipes that they've never done. Of course, this assumes that they can find all the ingredients in their local supermarkets. At the start of the lockdown, there were shortages of particular products caused by people stockpiling them.
- Of course, the internet is 7)..... a lot of people with occupation. Unable to meet people from different households, many are using it to get or 8)..... with friends and family. Some are enjoying virtual 9) ..... online. For some people, this means 10) ..... with technology that they have never used before.
- In some parts of the world, it's been reported that during the lockdown, people are 11) ..... rescue animals for the company and comfort that they provide. Many rescue centres are particularly busy at the moment, so this is quite helpful.
- Not everyone has more time on their hands. In fact, some people have a lot less. With so many schools shut down, parents who are 12) ..... are also having to 13) ..... their children. When the children have finished their online assignments, parents are looking for new ways to 14) ..... them, while meeting their own work deadlines.
- Of course, not everyone is enjoying spending so much time at home. Some have nothing – or a lot less than usual – to do. We might describe them as being 15) ..... Others are very bored and annoyed because they can't go out and do what they usually do. Someone who feels like this may be said informally to be 16) ....., or they may be described as stir-crazy.

## #6 One word is missing in each line. Where does it go? Type it in the right place.

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- In some parts of the world, it's been reported that during the lockdown, people are fostering rescue animals the company and comfort that they provide. Many rescue centres (UK)/ rescue centers (US) are particularly busy the moment, so this is quite helpful.
- Not everyone has more time on their hands. Fact, some people have a lot less. With so many schools shut down, parents who are working from home are also having homeschool their children. When the children have finished their online assignments, parents are looking new ways to occupy them, while meeting their own work deadlines.
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#7 Complete the text with words from the blue box in the correct grammatical form.

Use the word given in the green box at the end of some lines to form a new word that fits in the space in the same line.

- As COVID-19 ..... to force so much of the world's ..... into **lockdown**, I thought it might be interesting to look at the language that we use to describe what we are now doing with our days.
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family child  
  
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## #8 Correct the ten collocation errors.

- Shut up for a long period, many people are finding new ways to put away the time (=spend the time). Some are learning a new language while others have taken on a new hobby. In some families, parents and children are now going out together in their living rooms.
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*#9 Describe the pictures using the words from the text.*















